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GERMANS GAIN PART OF VAUX, PARIS ADMITS

French Hold Western Part of Village—Repulse Attacks on Fort

BATTLE ALONG AISNE

Crown Prince Gains Trench West of Meuse, but Is Driven Out

BERLIN, March 11.—By an unexpected attack against French lines in the vicinity of Rheims, the Germans have penetrated French positions to a depth of nearly two-thirds of a mile on a 1400-yard front, the War Office announced this afternoon. The gain was made southwest of the Ville au Bois.

In this engagement 737 French prisoners, five machine guns and 13 mine-throwers were captured, it was officially stated.

West of the Meuse, the War Office reported, French troops have been cleared from the Corbeaux and Cumières Woods, and French positions around Gouze Hill are now in peril. French counter-attacks broke down, the War Office stated.

PARIS, March 11.—German troops renewed their violent assaults on the Verdun front west of the Meuse during the night. They were able to gain some ground in the opening assaults, but an immediate counter-attack by the French drove them back.

This official information is given in the War Office communiqué issued this afternoon, which also states that the Germans have redoubled their efforts on the east bank of the Meuse between Vaux and the ridge nearby. Fort De Vaux was also bombarded.

The text of the official communiqué follows: "After bombarding our positions between Troyon and Berry-au-Bac, north of the Aisne for several hours yesterday, the Germans advanced from Ville-aux-Bois and attacked the salients which form our line at Bois Des Buttes. After a very sharp combat we drove the enemy from the section northwest and from the section west of the forest which he had succeeded in occupying."

DRIVEN FROM TRENCH. "West of the Meuse the Germans launched during the night a strong attack southwest of Bethincourt against our trenches along the road from Bethincourt to Châtilloncourt. An immediate counter-attack again gave us complete control of an important communicating trench which had succeeded in penetrating."

East of the Meuse the enemy redoubled his efforts between the village and the ridge of Fort De Vaux. The bombardment continued all night with great violence and numerous infantry assaults were made against the village, which has been wrecked by shells.

The enemy captured some houses east of the church. All his attacks were checked in the western part of the village where we are still holding out following."

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UN PORTAFOGLIO SARA' OFFERTO A BISSOLATI?

Nuove Voci di Un Gabinetto di Coalizione—La Battaglia Attorno a Verdun

Un dissenso da Milano al londinese "Daily Mail" dice che nei gruppi parlamentari italiani continua l'agitazione per un rimpasto ministeriale nel senso di avere un gabinetto di coalizione. Il dissenso dice che i socialisti riformisti vorrebbero Leonida Bissolati, che ora è tenente in un reggimento di Alpi alla fronte, compreso nel ministero di coalizione, e non è improbabile che un portafoglio gli sia offerto prima che si chiuda la presente sessione.

La notizia che giunge dalla contea francese di Verdun sono buoni. I tedeschi lanciano ancora all'assalto i pozioni francesi enormi masse di uomini nelle quali i difensori mettono abbondantemente. Il critico militare del Temps calcola che nei venti giorni della battaglia di Verdun gli alleati abbiano messo fuori di combattimento 10,000 tedeschi al giorno. A Parigi generalmente si crede che la vittoria dei tedeschi a Verdun è ormai impossibile. Gli alleati hanno sulla fronte sufficienti forze con cui respingere gli attacchi ed in riserva legioni fresche a numerose per l'azione finale. Il kronprinz prepara con i suoi folli attacchi la via alla vittoria degli alleati che risparmiano le loro forze e non gettano gli uomini nelle bocche dei cannoni e delle mitragliatrici.

Leggere in 4a pagina altre e più dettagliate notizie sulla guerra. (italiano.)

THE WEATHER

FORECAST
For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair and continued cold tonight with lowest about 25 degrees; Sunday increasing cloudiness and somewhat warmer; moderate westerly winds becoming variable Sunday.

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LOST AND FOUND

BRACELET—Lost, diamond and sapphire bracelet. Finder, Mrs. J. L. G. Caldwell & Co., 502 Chestnut St.

DIAMOND PIN—Lost, diamond pin with pearl tassel. Finder, Mrs. J. L. G. Caldwell & Co., 502 Chestnut St.

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BRIG. GEN. J. J. PERSHING Placed in active charge of the punitive expedition against Villa. He will take the field with the United States troops.

CARRANZA YIELDS TO ENTRY BY U. S.; ASKS SAME RIGHT

Wants Privilege of Chasing Bandits Into American States, if Needed

'GET VILLA,' IS THE ORDER

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The United States will encounter no opposition from Provisional President Carranza in its punitive expedition against Villa if it will agree that the Carranza Government enjoys a similar right to cross into American territory at will in pursuit of Mexican bandits in similar circumstances. This was the official attitude assumed by General Carranza in a note transferred to the State Department today from Consul Silliman, who is with Carranza at Guadaluajara.

The dispatch from Mr. Silliman says that he was authorized to send the message outlining the Carranza attitude by Mexican Foreign Secretary Aena. The telegram from Silliman is as follows:

FIRST CHIEF'S ATTITUDE

In due reply to your polite note dated yesterday and forwarded today by John W. Bell, I have the honor to inform you that upon my making the said note known to the chief of the Constitutional army in charge of the executive power of the nation, he directed me to say that you may be pleased to report to the Department of State of the Government of the United States that he is grieved to hear (omission) the report of the other to the effect of the attack it suffered yesterday from the bandits led by Francisco Villa, that, although there has been in the State of Chihuahua a sufficient force to restore order and afford guarantees to nationals and foreigners since Francisco Villa began operations in the mountains of that State, on the request of the Governor of the State of Chihuahua, the Constitutional Army at El Paso, Tex., the first chief issued in time order for 2000 men under the command of General Luis Gutierrez to sally forth under instructions to subvert the bandits who have just crossed into your territory of the United States, which they were no doubt compelled to do when persistently pursued by the said forces. The deplorable incident that has just occurred bears some resemblance to the raids effected by Indians from the reservations of the Government of the United States into the States of Sonora and Chihuahua in 1880 and 1884 to 1886.

CROSSING OF TERRITORY

In both these cases an agreement between the Governments of the United States and Mexico provided that armed forces of either country could freely cross into the territory of the other to pursue and chastise those bands.

Bearing in mind those precedents and the happy results to both countries yielded by the agreement above referred to, the Government of the United States, the Government of Mexico, desiring to exterminate in as little time possible the horde led by Francisco Villa, who was recently ordered to capture and inflict upon him the penalty of the law, applies through you honorable Mr. Confidential Agent to the Government of the United States and asks the permission to cross into American territory in pursuit of those bandits acknowledging due reciprocity in regard to forces of the United States crossing into Mexican territory which the raid effected at Columbus should unfortunately be repeated at any other point of the border.

The Government of Mexico would highly appreciate a prompt and favorable decision from the Government of the United States.

Be pleased to accept, Mr. Confidential Agent, my respectful, distinguished consideration.

ACENA.

In charge of the Department of Foreign Relations.

CAMPAIN WELL UNDER WAY

The campaign to "get Villa" was well under way today, according to the high officials of the War Department. They refused to permit publication of any information of what has been done, but it was generally accepted that the 1st Cavalry Brigade, Brigadier General James Barker commanding; the 2d Cavalry Brigade, Colonel George A. Dodd commanding; and other units already are on the move. It is believed some of the troops already have crossed the border.

Because the entire border is honey-

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SEVEN AMERICANS ON BARK SUNK BY U-BOAT; ALL SAFE

Nation Whose Flag Submarine Flew to Be Held to Account, Official View

KAISER'S CRAFT, BELIEF

Norse Ship Thought Unarmed. May Start New Sea War Controversy

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Norwegian bark Silius, New York to Havre, with seven Americans aboard, was torpedoed without warning, on Thursday night, in the Havre roads.

A State Department message from the Havre Consul was the first news of the torpedoing.

All Americans were saved.

The department had word also of the torpedoing of the French steamship Louteline, without further detail.

News that a submarine had sunk a ship with Americans on board, without warning, brought an unofficial declaration from the State Department that the nation whose flag the submarine flew will be held to account.

Taking the meagre dispatch at its face value, officials frankly declared that the power the nation represented will be called to accountability "reasonable doubt" that it believed the U-boat was German.

Secretary Lansing will not act officially until he has complete details. He must have affidavits of passengers and crew showing beyond "reasonable doubt" that it was a torpedo and not a mine or internal explosion that sent the Silius to the bottom and endangered the lives of American citizens. Such affidavits cannot reach here, officials said, much before a week or 10 days.

That the Silius was unarmed was generally taken for granted, since she was a neutral ship of commerce. This fact, in itself, officials said, may make the case more serious than any that has confronted this Government since the war began. No Government, even the United States, can be held to account for the actions of non-combatants—either neutral or belligerent—have not the right to travel on the high seas aboard neutral vessels.

When the submarine commander afforded the passengers and crew the measures of safety which Teutonic Powers have assured the United States would be given in case of warranted attack on belligerent passenger ships, the United States, it can be stated, will not be satisfied. If the attitude of the President and Secretary Lansing, as frequently expressed in formal notes to the Teutonic nations, has not changed—and officials declared today it has not changed—the United States must insist on disavowal, repudiation and condign punishment for the offending submarine commander.

If such demands are made it is firmly believed they will be accompanied by an insistent request that they be granted without hesitation and without the parley and exchange of formal notes that has marked former incidents.

The Silius was owned by S. O. Strey & Co., of Kristiansund, Norway, and was bound for Havre with a cargo of grain.

The vessel was of 1415 tons, 277 feet long. It was a steel sailing vessel and was built in 1895. A sister ship is now nearing a British port with a cargo of grain. The captain of the Silius, who was aboard could not be located.

The Norwegian-American Line officials, who represent the owners in New York, stated positively that the Silius was not armed.

The Silius is the first vessel sunk with Americans on board since the new German submarine decree became operative on March 2.

London dispatches last night brought word of the sinking of the Silius, but made no mention of the fact that Americans were aboard. Three of the crew were drowned. The captain of the London cable merely stated that the ship was "sunk" in accordance with the recent policy of the British censor in eliminating in nearly every instance reference to submarines.

YORK FAMILY SAFE AFTER MEXICAN BANDITS' ATTACK

Wife and Children of Captain Smyser Narrowly Escaped Death

The safety of Captain Rudolph E. Smyser, his wife and two sons, natives of York, Pa., who were in Columbus when Villa and his bandits made the raid in the New Mexico town, has been assured in a telegram received by J. W. Dansey, of 1138 South 31st street. Captain Smyser is in command of Troop H, 13th N. S. Cavalry.

The wire, which asserted that "everything had been lost," also reported that Mrs. Smyser and the two children were on their way to Mrs. Smyser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Craig, at Leavenworth, Kas.

The family escaped death by a narrow margin. The bandits were about to set fire to the barracks stable, into which Mrs. Smyser and the children had been secreted, when the captain's troops fired at them.

Captain Smyser is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Smyser, of York. The family were here last year as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey. The children are Rudolph E. Smyser and Craigie Smyser.

U. S. CAVALRY AT MONTEREY LEAVES FOR MEXICO FRAY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The 1st United States Cavalry stationed at the presidio of Monterey left today by special train for the Mexican border. General Bell, commander of the western division of the army, received the order to start early today.

With the troops went an ambulance corps and 20 members of the commissary department including cooks and bakers.

SENATE COMMITTEE INDORSES ACTION ON MEXICAN CRISIS

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A stand squarely approving all the Administration has been taken by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. After Chairman Stimson had called them together to give them the official news of what the Executive Department had done, the members gave unanimous indorsement.

VILLA CUT OFF BY CARRANZA TROOPS IN DASH TO ATTACK AMERICANS FLEEING TO LINE

General Pershing to Lead U. S. Forces Into Mexico to Round Up Outlaw Leader and His Band, Now in Chihuahua District

Campaign Laid to Close in on Raiders in District Near La Ascension—Villa Expected to Retreat to His Old Stronghold in Treacherous Mountains

EL PASO, Texas, March 11.

Francisco Villa, upon whose head the United States has put a price for the murder of Americans along the Mexican frontier, has been defeated in his attempt to cut off a trainload of Americans fleeing from Chihuahua state. Carranza troops intercepted his band.

The Mexican forces, under General Bertani, Carranza leader, cut off the bandits from the railroad at La Ascension.

According to General Bertani, he is working in unity and co-operating in every way with Colonel Slocum, commanding the American forces at Columbus. He has established his headquarters at Paloma, directly across the American border from Columbus, N. M. He has 1200 men with him, and he declares that yesterday, on his arrival near Paloma, a scouting division of his troops took up the Villa trail and attempted to surround the bandit leaders. By hard riding Villa escaped and was moving toward the railway line, seemingly to try to cut off the Mormon refugee train, when a portion of the Carranzista forces got between him and his destination.

Bertani immediately got into communication with Colonel Slocum and put him in possession of all his information, which was promptly conveyed to General Funston.

Officials here were well pleased with the message from General Bertani. They said that it meant that Villa's days were numbered and that the most grave danger—that of complications with the Mexican people generally—had seemingly been avoided.

Conditions of actual warfare prevail here today in preparation of the movement of American troops to invade Mexico in the punitive campaign to take Villa and his band of outlaws.

Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the 8th Cavalry Brigade, will lead the punitive expedition against Villa, it was learned at army headquarters here. Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, it was said, will not go to the border at present.

The bandit leader is reported to be at La Ascension, Chihuahua, in command of a strong force, warned, and prepared for battle.

Both United States troops and forces of the Carranza government will operate to close in on the Villistas in the mountainous districts. Information here is that instead of opposing the entry of American troops, President Carranza welcomes the assistance and will lend his support to the campaign.

U. S. Troops Will Strike From Three Points

Reports were received here that the War Department plans contemplate entrance into Mexico at Juarez, Columbus and Agua Prieta. Three regiments—cavalry, infantry and field artillery—will entrain here, it is said, cross the Rio Grande and proceed over the Mexican and Northeastern railway to Casas Grandes. There they will join Carranza troops and work north toward the border. At the same time a column entering Mexico at Agua Prieta will proceed southeastward and a column from Columbus will move from the north and east.

General Gavira, commander of the Carranza garrison at Juarez, received word early today that Villa had moved to La Ascension with a large force of men. It was suspected that Villa was aiming to strike the railroad between Casas Grandes and Juarez, with the hope of capturing 500 Mormons, who had stayed at Casas Grandes when other Americans left northern Mexico.

Military authorities at Juarez were notified of Villa's movement southward toward the Northwestern Railroad line by General Bertani, who is in command of Carranzista soldiers near Palomas, State of Chihuahua. He reported that the majority of Villa's outlaws moved in the direction of La Ascension following their defeat by the 13th United States Cavalry at Columbus. General Bertani said that Villa was with the column, which numbers approximately 2000 men. He has not taken his entire command, but has left a number of small groups along the border between Juarez and La Palomas. Several of these bandits have continued their raids to American ranchhouses on the American side of the frontier, driving off live stock and burning the buildings.

When Villa recently passed through the Mormon colonies at Colonia Juarez, Casas Grandes and other places in the Gaena district he threatened to murder them if they did not leave Mexico.

Since his defeat at the hands of the 13th Cavalry, Villa has announced his intention of conducting a war on all Americans, saying he will neither give nor ask quarter.

The street cars operating to Juarez were stopped last night by the company on the suggestion of General Gavira. The streets of El Paso were patrolled by a double guard of soldiers and policemen.

Brigadier General Pershing is keeping the regulars in camp at Fort Bliss. He has his men ready to meet any emergency.

It is said here that Villa has by this time received news of President

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ARREST MADE IN QUEST FOR BANDITS WHO SHOT PAYMASTER AND AIDE

Detectives Take Man Who, They Say, Answers Description of Desperado—Trail Leads to New York

POLICE SEEK "LOOKOUT"

An arrest was made today of a man answering in part the description of one of the two gunmen who yesterday killed Herman Kastening, paymaster of the Herman Worsteds Mills, and shot his escort, Walter Haupt, in a \$3500 hold-up that aroused the Kensington textile district.

He is John Price, 24 years old, who, the police say, has served two years for highway robbery. After being questioned closely by Lieutenant of Detectives Scanlon, he was taken to the Episcopal Hospital to be confronted by Haupt, the wounded man.

Price was arrested in Broad street station by Detectives Agnew and Heyne. He wore a brownish cap and suit, corresponding to the description of the clothing of the shorter of the two desperados. A black overcoat was the only jarring feature in his attire. He had no money, and said he was "knocking around." No address was given. Asked where he was yesterday, he said he spent the day going to hospitals for treatment, as he was not feeling well.

Another development in the day's work was the holding without bail of Thomas Hobbs, 23 years old, the Providence, R. I., suspect, by Magistrate Pennock at the

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ROMANCE SHATTERED AFTER 20 YEARS, WIFE CALLS HUSBAND 'CLOSE'

'Every Time He Spends a Nickel It Wrenches His Heart,' Says Southerner Who Sues for Divorce

LOVES HER TWO SONS

The story of how a romance of the South became wrecked upon the reefs of marital infidelity, was told today by Mrs. Anne Hanson Garrett, member of an old and influential Southern family, who has brought suit for divorce against Robert Young Garrett, whiskey distiller, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Garrett lives at the Hotel Marlborough and Walnut streets, this city, with her two sons, one 19 years old and the other 12. Twenty years ago she was married to Mr. Garrett, and she charges that in 1912 he deserted her and their children, and has never contributed money for their support. Mrs. Garrett has engaged Edward O. Lewis as counsel.

Her husband was born in Columbus, Ga., and started in the whiskey business at Norfolk, Va.

"My husband," said Mrs. Garrett, "is the closest man in the world; every time he spends a nickel it wrenches his heart so that he groans. I don't believe he would spend 3 cents to see an earthquake. During the 20 years of our married life my father supported us both."

PROUD OF HER SONS

There was a touch of mother's pride in Mrs. Garrett's voice as she spoke of her sons.

"They are fine boys," she said, "and

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QUICK NEWS

BANDIT BELIEVED CAUGHT IN NORRISTOWN

Detective Rich was sent to Norristown today in response to a message that a man believed to be implicated in the killing of Herman Kastening and the wounding of Walter Haupt in a \$3500 hold-up here yesterday, is under arrest there. The suspect was taken off tonight about 11 o'clock last night.

AMERICANS WARNED FROM MEXICAN DISTRICT

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The State Department this afternoon issued a warning to Americans to keep away from the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, the extreme southern part of Mexico. The isthmus is a narrow strip of land lying between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific.

BENSON TO BE SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

CHICAGO, March 11.—Allan L. Benson, of Yonkers, N. Y., will be the nominee of the Socialist party for President of the United States, and George R. Kirpatrick, of New York city, will run for the vice presidential nomination on the ticket. This was the result of the Socialist national referendum for nominees made public here today.

DR. W. A. SWALM NAMED MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. William A. Swalm, of 4913 North 13th street, was today appointed medical director of the Civil Service Commission. This position was created recently by Congress to take the place of chief medical examiner and assistant medical examiner, who were paid a total of \$2500 a year. The new appointee will receive \$1800 a year. Doctor Swalm was in the employ of the city in 1913, when he was resident at the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases. He is now connected with the Jewish and Germantown Hospitals. Doctor Swalm will take office March 15.

WINDOW GLASS PRICES JUMP 10 TO 15 PER CENT.

PITTSBURGH, March 11.—Leading machine window glass interests today announced a general increase of from 10 to 15 per cent. in prices of all grades and sizes of window glass for the United States and Canadian markets, effective at once.

SUIT AGAINST TRADES UNION PERIODICAL

Suit was started this morning against the Board of Directors of the Trades Union News, the organ of the labor interests here, by three men who were elected, they claim, to the board at the election last month, but were not allowed to take their seats. The prosecutors are Harry W. Semple, William Young and Robert L. Barnes, and the labor men who, it is alleged, refused to recognize their election rights are William J. Tracy, George Simmons, Frank Burch, John McDevitt, James C. Cronin, Frank O'Bryan, William J. Boyle and Leonard Kraft. The contest started over the right of the prosecutors to vote their proxies into three votes for each of the three complainants instead of voting for nine men.

AMERICAN WINDOW GLASS INCREASES WAGES

PITTSBURGH, March 11.—The American Window Glass Company announced that, effective today, the wages of all gatherers and flatteners will be increased 7 1/2 per cent. The hand factories announced a similar wage increase last week.

P. & R. SECTION HANDS GET INCREASE

More than 1000 section hands on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway have received an increase in wages to take effect immediately. The men will now get 19 cents an hour. The increase was given voluntarily by the company. Nearly \$3000 a month will be added to the payroll.

CLOTHING WORKERS END STRIKE

The strike of the members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union has terminated. Agreements have been made with a number of smaller manufacturers in the city and the strikers will return to work on Monday. An immediate increase of 10 per cent. in wages, with another five per cent. increase on April 15 is granted, together with shorter hours, by an organization of contractors that do the work for most of the smaller manufacturers.

RUMANIA SEIZES CEREALS SOLD TO GERMANY

LONDON, March 11.—Rumania has seized 50,000 wagons of cereals which had been sold to Germany, according to the Rome wireless service today. The grain is to be used by the Rumanian army. This grain was part of 100,000 wagons of cereals which had been sold to Germany.

ALFRED WITSENHAUSEN, CIRCUS TREASURER, DIES

Word was received from Chicago today of the death of Alfred Witsenhausen, treasurer of the Barum & Bailey Circus, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Witsenhausen had been identified with the amusement business since his boyhood. He was formerly treasurer of the Olympic Theatre, Chicago, and later the Ringling Brothers' Circus. Burial will be in Chicago. Mr. Witsenhausen is survived by several brothers and sisters, among them Eugene Witsenhausen, of this city.

GERMAN HYDROAEROPLANES SHELL SLAV SQUADRON

BERLIN, March 11.—German hydroaeroplanes bombed a Russian squadron, consisting of one battleship, five destroyers and several merchantmen, in the Black Sea yesterday, it was officially announced today. Hits were observed on the destroyers.

The attack occurred near Kaliakra, on a promontory northeast of the Bulgarian port of Varna. In spite of a heavy fire the German planes returned safely.

BRITISH THANK AMBASSADOR MORGENTHAU

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Great Britain's attitude to Henry Morgenthau, American Ambassador to Turkey, for his services as representative of the Entente Allies at Constantinople, has been expressed to Mr. Morgenthau by the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, when the Ambassador called at the British Embassy to pay his respects.

RAILROAD MEN VOTE 9 TO 1 FOR 8-HOUR DAY

CHICAGO, March 11.—Additional ballots received by the grand chiefs and Executive Committee of the four train service brotherhoods of the United States in session here increased the already overwhelming majority given by the rank and file in favor of a demand for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime from all the railroads of the country. It is stated officially that more than 80 per cent. of the men have voted in favor of the demand for an eight-hour day.

PORTUGAL TO TAKE PART IN AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

LONDON, March 11.—Portuguese troops will co-operate with the British forces in the campaign against German East Africa, the last of Germany's colonial possessions, the first result of Germany's declaration of war against Portugal. Lieutenant General Jan Christian Smuts, commanding the expedition against German East Africa, has reported the occupation of Taveta and also of Salatia. It is officially announced.

JAPAN STIRRED BY BRITISH SHIP SEIZURES

TOKIO, March 11.—The Anglo-Japanese Alliance is now being put to the test on account of persistent searchings of Japanese steamships by British cruisers. When the first news that the Tanyo Maru had been searched by the British, resulting in carrying away nine Indian passengers, was received, strangely enough there was no excitement worth mentioning. But the same treatment repeated has resulted in popular indignation against the British action, which is now considered an insult to the Japanese flag. The Imperial Government, it is believed, will be obliged to allow a free hand to the British navy in the Far East.